

1 STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS

2 With that, I'd like to again welcome you. I'd like
3 to recognize our first panel of state and local officials who
4 were able to accept our invitation to be here and appear before
5 the Commission this morning. On behalf of the Commission, allow
6 me to say that we very much appreciate your interest in
7 officially commenting on the concerns of the citizens and
8 communities that you represent. As we would begin, I'd like to
9 remind our guests that in appearing before this federal
10 Commission, you are presumed to be under oath.

11 Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in welcoming our
12 distinguished panelists. First, the Honorable Mayor Ann
13 Hutchinson, mayor of Bettendorf, Iowa; the Honorable Scott King,
14 mayor of Gary, Indiana; the Honorable Kevin Kelly, mayor of
15 Elgin, Illinois; the Honorable Donald Sandidge, mayor of Alton,
16 Illinois; and Ms. Ann Daniels, City Manager of Riverside
17 Missouri. Welcome.

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